

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 551 - HB 605**

February 21, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Enhances patronizing prostitution from a class B misdemeanor to a class A misdemeanor.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The authorized sentence for a class B misdemeanor is up to six months imprisonment, a fine up to \$500, or both. The authorized sentence for a class A misdemeanor is up to 11 months, 29 days imprisonment, a fine up to \$2,500, or both.
- Though the term of imprisonment for a class A misdemeanor is approximately twice as long as that for a class B misdemeanor, it is assumed that the average person who serves a term of imprisonment for patronizing prostitution does not serve the maximum for a class B misdemeanor.
- Further, it is assumed that the average person serving time for patronizing prostitution will not serve any additional time under the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation will not significantly impact local incarceration costs.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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